

# Creating Community Level Change

Creation of Town Ordinance

Southington's Town-wide Effort to Promote Success

DFC Year 6 Grantee

Southington, Connecticut

#### **Identify the Problem:**

Placement of tobacco delivery products in gas stations and convenience stores are too convenient for kids.





We found that tobacco delivery products were located in checkout lines and display in aisles



Students mapped gas stations and convenience stores for proximity to schools for upcoming environmental scans







Students present at Town Council meeting

### **Southington Town Ordinance**

Section 3.3

No person or business shall allow the placement for sale of any tobacco or nicotine products or delivery products and smoking devices

(e.g. potential paraphernalia) including but not limited to electronic cigarettes, pipes, bongs, hookah, and rolling paper at any location with public access.

They shall be behind any checkout counter or customer service counter. Along with the regulations for sale of tobacco products, all tobacco delivery products and any smoking devices shall be both locked and placed behind the counter to prevent undue influence onto minors.

# **STEPS** to Take...

- 1. Problem identification
- 2. Environmental scan
- 3. Consult local board/authority/commission regarding idea
- 4. Draft ordinance
- 5. Present ordinance for approval
- 6. Publicize ordinance/notify establishments
- 7. Follow up with compliance checks or additional environmental scans

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